

BOARD OF TRADE

HELD ITS REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT.

Grade Crossing Question Discussed—Resolutions on the License Issue Adopted—Other Topics Discussed.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trade, held Thursday night, was a spirited one. The debating was of a heavy order on some questions, especially that of railroad grade crossings, Salmon license, sprinkling of trolley tracks and the Fourth of July celebration were other topics of discussion.

The Committee on Railroad Interests made a report on the grade crossing question, dealing in particular with the application of Thomas Oakes & Company to the Town Council for permission to cross Walnut street with a switch from the present terminus of one of the Erie Railroad sidings to a lot south of Walnut street, owned by Mr. Oakes.

The committee in its report said that "it was of the opinion that no additional crossings should be permitted until proper protection is made by the Erie Railroad Company of existing grade crossings in Bloomfield."

The report alluded to the three grade crossings on the line of the Erie in this town, namely, Walnut street, Orchard street and Walnut street, the first named being particularly dangerous. The report reviewed the efforts of the Town Council to have the Erie Company afford some protection at the Walnut street crossing, all of which were unsuccessful.

The report concluded with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Town Council be requested to withhold consent to a freight siding at grade across Walnut street, unless the width is run close to the main tracks and inside of the gates, which shall be placed there to protect all the lives.

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In the general discussion a letter from David G. Garabrant to Mr. Sutphen was read, in which Mr. Garabrant heartily agreed with the general principles of the report, but expressed dissent with some of the conclusions reached. Mr. Garabrant failed to see where the granting of Thomas Oakes & Company's request had any bearing on the question of the double track of the Lackawanna across Washington street. Further on Mr. Garabrant said:

"As to your conclusions which you propose to present in the form of resolutions: The first favors consent to the desired crossing if run close to the main line and protected by gates. As I do not believe that it is wisely practicable I cannot support it.

"With the second resolution I heartily agree, and believe an effort should be made to get the superintendent, or some other responsible representative of the railroad, to meet a committee from the Town Council and the Board of Trade on the ground and endeavor to reach a conclusion which will secure the needed facilities in the least objectionable way, the needed protection for all grade crossings (or as nearly as is practicable), and at the same time a decent and safe bridge on Williamson avenue.

"Of course the subject is one with which the Town Council must deal, as they are the only ones who have the power, and yet I believe the Board of Trade can co-operate to aid in securing a desirable outcome, and that I believe they should do."

Mr. Harry E. Richards spoke in opposition to the resolutions. Both resolutions were carried.

In the discussion of the license question the Municipal Affairs Committee presented the following report:

To His, WM. BIGGLEY, President of the Board of Trade, Bloomfield, N. J.:

DEAR SIR:—Your Municipal Affairs Committee has met and duly considered matters brought to its attention.

On the saloon question it is a unit against the granting of any new licenses or the extension in any way of the liquor business in our community, and it therefore presents the following resolutions for adoption at this meeting:

Resolved, That the best interests of Bloomfield demand that there be no increase in the number of saloon or inn and tavern licenses granted by the Town Council, and that the Board of Trade request the honorable members of the Council to refuse the applications of Stanley Yeasby, 60 Lock street, and Edmund Levandoski, 42 Myrtle avenue, for such privileges, on the ground that they are for new and additional places not now in existence, and thus continue to recognize the unwritten law of Bloomfield limiting such licenses to at least three places at present doing business; and

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that the liquor business should be more nearly confined to

the centre of the town, where its operations can be less expensively and more advantageously watched by the police department, and for other obvious reasons, and that this Council and all future Councils be requested to aim to bring about such a desirable situation."

Your committee having no further matters to present begs that these resolutions be acted upon favorably and presented to the Council and given to the local papers.

The Municipal Affairs Committee, ALLISON DODD, Chairman.

Daniel Schleich brought up the matter of sprinkling the trolley tracks, and spoke of the nuisance suffered by the neglect of the railway company to sprinkle its tracks here. The matter was referred to a committee to confer with the Town Council.

The Fourth of July Committee reported satisfactory progress with the preparations for the Fourth of July celebration.

Mrs. Brooks Must Stand Trial. Mary J. Brooks and the "Rev." James Garvey, both colored, who were arrested here some time ago upon complaint of the State Board of Children's Guardians, charged with cruelty to children who were inmates of the Mary J. Brooks Orphan's Home for colored children, will have to stand trial on the charges made by the State board.

The matter came up in the Court of Special Sessions Monday before Judge Ten Eyck and the Judge ruled that the accused must stand trial.

Mr. Callahan, as their counsel, made technical objections to the manner in which the complaint had been drawn and afterward amended by Prosecutor Young so as to make the alleged neglect willful.

The Judge said that he had looked carefully into the authorities and found that when a society assumed to take charge of children and then neglected them it was to be assumed that such neglect was willful. Even if the word were not specifically used, he added, the complaint would stand.

Mary J. Brooks, one of the accused, is also under bail to stand trial on other charges. She is charged by Captain Scriba of the Newark police department with running a disorderly house at No. 27 Arlington street, Newark.

The charge against Mrs. Brooks was the outcome of an evidence given before Judge Green by Miss Moore and Louis Armstrong of 25 Arlington street, who accused her of being disorderly persons. They said they rented their rooms from Mrs. Brooks, who owns the premises.

Mrs. Brooks was represented by Joe W. Callahan, while George A. Douglas appeared for the other women, who were paroled.

Automobile and Bicycle Collided. A serious accident occurred on Broad street Thursday morning, in which a young woman narrowly escaped being killed. Virginia Vannette of Oakland avenue was out bicycle riding, and as she turned out of Maple street to go south on Broad, an automobile (No. 844 N. J.) was bound northward on Broad street, and the machine and bicycle collided and the young woman was knocked off her wheel and hurled several feet away.

James M. Walker was coming down Broad street at the time and was directly opposite the scene of the accident. He ran out and picked up the young woman. Mr. Walker also took the number of the automobile. The driver of the automobile turned his machine around, and took the injured woman to a physician, and then to her home.

Ephraim Moore. Ephraim Moore, whose death occurred last week at his home in Franklin street, was the son of the late James Moore, who was for many years superintendent of the Hendricks copper works in Belleville, and although a resident of Belleville, the elder Mr. Moore took an active interest in Bloomfield affairs, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church here.

Ephraim Moore assisted his father in the management of the copper works, and succeeded him as superintendent. When a younger generation of the Hendricks family succeeded the elder generation with whom the Moores, father and son, had been so long associated, Mr. Moore retired. After severing his connection with the Hendricks mills, Mr. Moore received very good offers from other copper companies, but declined them and retired altogether from business. He was a lover of literature, and when a young man he was a frequent contributor to Robert Bonner's New York Ledger. His writings were usually of a humorous character. Mr. Moore occasionally contributed to the columns of the CITIZEN.

Odd Fellows' Memorial Service. The members of Olive Branch Lodge, I. O. O. F., will attend the Odd Fellows' memorial service in the Young Men's Christian Association hall, Halsey street, Newark, at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. All the Odd Fellows lodges in Essex county will be represented at the service.

Have your lawn mower put in shape by E. F. Townsend through Franks' Shop, Bloomfield Centre.—Advt.

FIREMEN'S BANQUET.

Annual Meeting of the Essex Truck Company Tuesday Night at the American House in Which Music, Speeches, Jokes and Songs were Enjoyed.

The annual banquet of Essex Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 was held in the American House on Tuesday night. Among those present were Mayor Fisher, Councilmen Chabot and Green of the Fire Committee, Town Clerk William L. Johnson, Superintendent of Public Works Harry Cooper, Chief Engineer James Y. Nicoll, Charles H. Johnson and others.

The following officers were elected: Seymour P. Gilbert, president; George W. Cadmus, vice-president; J. A. Welmer, secretary; Charles A. Hildebrandt, treasurer; Rev. E. A. White, chaplain; Frank N. Unangst, foreman; Albert Loppacker, assistant foreman; Heber C. Beldou, Charles T. Hall, Frank A. Osmun and Charles A. Harrington, trustees.

The banquet was a great success. Landlord Beldin of the American House gave the firemen an excellent spread and prompt and courteous service, and received many congratulations from his guests. The committee in charge of the banquet was also congratulated upon the splendid success of the affair. The speeches made were appropriate to the occasion and were enthusiastically received. Mayor Fisher made a speech highly complimentary to the fire department in general, and to Essex Truck Company in particular.

The Mayor expressed his belief that Bloomfield possessed a volunteer fire department second to none in the State. In his official capacity he said he had always worked in the interest of maintaining the efficiency of the department, and he hoped soon to see the water mains extended so that the protection afforded by the department could be further extended to the benefit of citizens in all parts of the town. The Mayor's remarks were received with great applause.

Several of the veteran practical jokers of Essex were at the banquet and got in some of their fine work, causing a great deal of fun.

While Councilman Green arose to speak, the orchestra by piecemeal, struck up the popular melody, "Everybody Works." Then, and everybody laughed and cheered for Mr. Green. He complimented the members of Essex Truck Company and spoke of the work of the Council in behalf of the firemen that resulted in the new and improved firehouses now occupied by the fire companies.

Charles F. Warren furnished much amusing entertainment. Current political rumors of prospective candidates for official positions were an interesting part of the general gossip and there were some introductions of the "next alderman" from the "tenth" district.

Seymour P. Gilbert took an active part in the political jolly. All present proclaimed the banquet one of the most enjoyable in the history of Essex and that company has a long line of popular festive occasions to its credit.

Sacred Heart School Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the School of the Sacred Heart will take place Wednesday evening, June 20th, at 8 o'clock at Union Hall. The members of the graduating class of 1906 are Katherine E. Egan, Winifred O. Dillon, Michael F. McNally and Mary O. Hoffmann. The class motto is "Laborare est Orare." The programme of exercises will begin with music by the orchestra, then the entrance march, followed by a tableau. Other exercises are the kindergarten welcome, kindergarten honors, kindergarten valedictory, Edmund Mahony, trio, "Old Black Joe," choral, "Children's Day," duet selections, song and drill. A special feature of the exercises will be the cantata "Jephthah's Daughter." The cast is as follows:

Jephthah, ninth ruler of Israel, Margaret Lawless; Jephthah's daughter, Elizabeth Ward; Naomi, Eliza's sister, Cecelia McCadden; Ruth, Friends of Jephthah (Winifred Reesman, Edith, Margaret Murphy, Elton, Jewish Prince, Arnold, Messenger, Elton, Roman Soldier, George Lintott, Camp Guard, No. 2, William Ward, Angels, Winifred Dillon, Olive Crane, Soldiers, maidens, etc.

The valedictory will be delivered by Miss Katherine Egan. The above programme will be presented at a matinee entertainment Tuesday afternoon in Union Hall.

To Town Business Men. The Board of Trade Fourth of July Committee will issue an official programme and asks the business houses of the town for a limited number of advertisements. It is not the purpose to make this programme a great advertising sheet, but to just get enough advertisements to pay for its issue. The Printing Committee has it in charge and those who wish to advertise should see Harry L. Osborne, chairman of the committee.

Musical Instruction. Miss Grace Willcocks will resume instruction on the piano Saturday 11th. Residence and studio, 57 Orchard street. Arrangements can be made now.—Advt.

BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Public Service Corporation Held Up-Trouble with a Montclair Property Owner—Howard Offered for Appointment of Inspectors—Cost of Fire Alarm Maintenance.

A regular meeting of the Glen Ridge Borough Council was held Monday night. The fire committee reported a bill from the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company for fifteen months' care of the fire alarm system. The telephone company charged the borough an average of \$35 per month for looking after the fire alarm system and keeping it in order. The bill for the fifteen months' service was \$525.

The fire committee was authorized to have repairs made to the firehouse at a cost not exceeding \$125. The following ordinances were read a third time and passed: For the extension of the sewer in Hawthorne avenue; continuation of a sewer in High street from Belleville avenue to Bloomfield, and in Hillside avenue from Belleville avenue to Bloomfield avenue.

The night of the Public Service Corporation to maintain poles and wires in the borough streets for lighting purposes was a topic of discussion. Councilman John W. Knight reported that the Public Service Corporation was laying electric wires in conduits in Bloomfield and Ridgewood avenues without permission, and alleged further that the company had no right to supply light to any one there, as it had no franchise to do so. He said that as far as he knew no permit had been granted to the company and that the work should be stopped.

Some time ago the Council had ordered the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company to remove its poles from Bloomfield and Ridgewood avenues within the borough limits by June 1st and place the wires under ground according to the terms of its franchise.

Councilman George O. White of the law and franchise committee had the matter in charge. The telephone company removed its wires and placed them under ground as requested, but when it came to removing the poles it was learned that they were the property of the Public Service.

The water company explained to Mr. White that it was supplying the Glen Ridge public school, the Glen Ridge Congregational Church and a number of private buildings in the borough with electric light, and unless permission was granted to put the wires under ground it would be impossible to remove the poles. Mr. White, being anxious for the removal of the poles, gave a permit to the company to place the wires under ground as requested.

Mr. White was not present at the meeting Monday night, but Borough Clerk Clarence Place produced a copy of the permit which he had issued to the company at Mr. White's request. The permit seemed to be a general one and there was no knowing what amount of underground wire-laying might be done under it.

Councilman Knight said that the borough was trying to make a satisfactory contract with the Public Service to light the public streets and supply private residences, but if the company was allowed to go on and supply private consumers the Council would be unable to make satisfactory terms with the company.

"I would like to know by what right the company has supplied light to any one," said Mr. Knight, "and it seems very queer that the telephone company did not know that it didn't own the poles. I think the matter should be stopped."

Mayor Lockwood said he would see Mr. White about it.

Mr. Knight, as member of the road committee, reported that some months ago a Mrs. Hart, who resides in Douglass road at the corner of Washington avenue, had complained of the surface water in front of her property. Mr. Knight explained that Mrs. Hart's house was situated in Montclair, and she paid her taxes to that town, but the greater portion of the frontage of her property was in Glen Ridge. He accordingly consulted with Superintendent of the Streets Smith of Montclair, who said that by cleaning out the gutter and raising the sidewalk a little the matter would be remedied.

This was done and now Mrs. Hart threatens to bring suit for damages, as the ditch in front of her premises is so deep that it is a nuisance. Mr. Knight said he had made another appointment to meet Mr. Smith on June 1 to look at the property again, but a few days before that he received word from Mr. Smith that he would be unable to keep the appointment, and since that time he had heard nothing more of the matter. He thought as Montclair received all the taxes from the property, that it was up to its officials to fix the matter up.

The road committee was authorized to sell the borough roller to Mr. Marley for \$50. Councilman Skeels of the fire committee stated to the Council that on account of several false alarms of fire being sent in during the last week, Chief Engineer Arthur Russell had offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the culprit, and asked the Council to ratify the chief's action, which was done.

TOWN TOPICS.

MATTERS NOW ATTRACTING PUBLIC ATTENTION.

A Week of Activity in Public School Circles—Fourth of July Celebration—Political Campaign.

The coming week will be a busy one in school circles. Nearly every evening in the week will be taken up with graduating exercises in the several grammar schools and the Sacred Heart Church School. The demand for tickets assures a large attendance at the exercises. The grammar school exercises at the close of the school term are a recent innovation in school life and they have assumed a great importance, attracting almost equal interest with the High School exercises.

There is something mysterious behind the commotion caused by the application of Thomas Oakes & Co. for a side track across Walnut street. When George Oakes first appeared before the Town Council and presented the application he made a brief statement and there was nothing to indicate by word of any Councilman but what the request would be granted. If Mr. Oakes had insisted upon action upon his request the night he presented it the probabilities are that it would have been granted. He failed to do that and in the meantime somebody got busy and the Board of Trade was aroused and now it appears as if this application for a side track was to be used as a club to beat both the Erie and the Lackawanna Railroads into line with public demands in many important railroad interests in which the town is concerned. The zeal of certain citizens is commendable, but there is a serious question as to whether or not the club is large enough to do effective work with. It, however, serves some purpose not yet apparent.

The Fourth of July celebration committee will meet again to-night. The committee, it is understood, has done a great deal of hard work and is hopeful that the result of its labors will be manifested in a great turnout on the national holiday.

Local politics are eddying with the increasing high temperature of the weather. Endorsement of Charles R. Underwood for Assembly is practically settled. No other name than that of Mr. McGowan is ever spoken of for Town Clerk. There is much gossiping in picking a nominee for Mayor. Several Third ward aspirants for a Town Council seat have been heard from. Also some Second warders desirous of the same honor. Nothing definite has yet been heard from the First ward for Councilman, but that ward is apparently alive with Mayoralty candidates.

Several leading Polish residents of the Second ward organized their fellow-countrymen into a political organization last fall and did much work for the success of the Republican local ticket in that ward. Now the active spirits among the Poles want a licensed place in their community and the demand is causing much perturbation in local political circles.

A Perilous Ride.

Edward G. Ward of Beech street had a thrilling adventure Sunday afternoon when the fine team of horses which he drives nearly got away from him. Mr. Ward's team was attached to a two-seated carriage; with him were his daughter, Miss Florence Ward, his granddaughter, Miss Alice Carter, and Mrs. John W. Duncan. A passing automobile frightened the horses, and Mr. Ward had almost got them under control when the pole-strap broke and the horses got going at a rapid gallop down Franklin street.

Opposite G. Lee Stout's residence Miss Carter leaped from the carriage. Mr. Ward kept the horses in the middle of the road, and at Franklin and Orange streets one of the horses fell and dragged his mate down. Before the horses regained their feet Mr. Ward had jumped from the carriage and caught the animals by the bridles and held them. One of the horses was badly scratched by its fall and the carriage was slightly damaged.

Protecting the Ballot.

The Republican Legislature has now placed on the statute books the most drastic laws ever enacted in this State for the protection of the ballot box. Without unduly interfering with the privileges of candidates and voters, they provide an admirable system of safeguard for the elective franchise. They protect the candidate himself from the annoying importunity that has always been an unpleasant feature of political candidacies. They afford a shield for corporations against political assessments. They choke off excessive demands upon office-holders and they keep the campaign expenses of candidates within reasonable bounds.

Now is the time to buy fertilizers for your lawn and garden at Franks' Shop, Bloomfield Centre.—Advt.